

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A device for opening a frozen or stiff seal formed between a door and a door frame, said device comprising interconnected first and second plate portions of substantially equal length and each having an upper and lower surface and a width which is constant along an entire length of the first and second plate portions, the first plate portion being in spaced relation to the second plate portion to form a substantially right angle about a central point of from 45 degrees to 85 degrees, whereby the first plate portion is inserted for placement in a frame opening between the door frame and the door by a user, and the second plate portion is then ~~pushed~~ pulled in a first direction by the user towards an upper surface of the door frame away from the door frame, and, as a result of the angled relationship between the first and second plate portions, the device pivots about the central point, whereby an outer edge of the central point biases within the frame opening wherein the upper surface of and moves the first plate portion engages into engagement with an underside of a lip of the door, allowing the user to apply moderate leverage to the device and effect the first plate portion to pivot upwardly, about the central point, from the placement between the door frame and the door and force the car door away from an adjacent relationship with the door frame and moves the first plate portion upwardly from the placement between the door frame and the door so as to separate and break the frozen or stiff seal formed between the door and the door frame.

2.(original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a one-piece unitary device.

3.(original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first plate portion is adapted for placement in a frame opening between the door frame and the door, and the second plate portion is adapted for use by the user.

4. (currently amended): A one-piece unitary device for opening a frozen or stiff seal formed between a door and a door frame, said device comprising first and second plate portions of

substantially equal length and each having an upper and lower surface and a width which is constant along an entire length of the first and the second plate portions, wherein the first plate portion is adapted for placement in a frame opening between the door frame and the door, and the second plate portion is adapted for use by a user, the first plate portion being in spaced relation to the second plate portion to form a substantially right angle about a central point of from 45 degrees to 85 degrees, whereby the user can maneuver the device, as a result of the angled relationship of the first and second plate portions, and insert the first plate portion for placement in a frame opening between the door frame and the door by the user, wherein the upper surface of the first plate portion engages a lip of the door and the second plate portion is then pushed [pulled] in a first direction by the user towards an upper surface of the door frame away from the door frame and, as a result of the angled relationship between the first and second plate portions, the device pivots about the central point, whereby an outer edge of the central point biases within the frame opening, allowing the user to apply moderate leverage to the device and effect the first plate portion to pivot upwardly, about the central point, from the placement between the door frame and the door and force the car door away from an adjacent relationship with the door frame to move the first plate portion upwardly from the placement between the door frame and the door, so as to separate and break the frozen or stiff seal formed between the door and the door frame.

5.(original): The device of claim 1, wherein said second plate portion defines an aperture therein.

6.(original): The device of claim 5, wherein a ring of a key chain is inserted through the aperture and the device is secured to a key chain.

7.(original): The device of claim 6, wherein the aperture is positioned on an upper end of the second plate portion.

8.(original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is formed of metal, plastic, fiberglass or aluminum.

9.(original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second plate portions are disposed from 60 degrees to 85 degrees from each other about the central point.

Claims 10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is placed in the frame opening at several different locations along a length of the frame opening between the door frame and the door, and the device is applied by the user to break the frozen or stiff seal formed between the door and the door frame.

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

14. (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the key ring is integrally formed as a portion of the device.

15.(original): The device of claim 14, wherein the device is formed through injection molding.